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PRESENTS

HER HIGHNESS IS A NOVICE

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シュカ結婚!?
SHUKA'S MARRIAGE?!
ゼン失脚!!?
ZEN'S DOWNFALL?!?!
陛下はダメダメ噛み噛みですが、
周りは今日も陰謀渦巻いてます。
Her Highness is a Novice
THE STUTTERING AND INCOMPETENT QUEEN HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN A WEB OF CONSPIRACY YET AGAIN!
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ダメダメ噛み噛みですが、①巻は続々重版中です。
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うちの陛下が新米で。

前回までのあらすじ

ゼン
シュカの教育係兼お付き武官。前王・紅朱明（シュカの父）に拾われ育てられた過去を持ち、シュカの亡兄とも親友同士だった。19歳。

劉凛
かつて紅夏国の民を苦しめた前々王の擁者。幼かったため命を狙られず、その恩に報いるために王宮に仕官している。

紅朱華
15歳で紅夏国の王になった少女。後宮で超箱入りに育てられたため、人とのコミュニケーションが壊滅的。紅夏国に伝わる"王の力"を持っている。

李浪立
礼部長官。李家が王家 紅一族の系譜であることから王位族承権を持つ。シュカを后にし自らが王になろうとしている。

白虎の星々
紅夏国に伝わる神獣。シュカの"王の力"の前に屈し憤いた。シュカの強い想いを具現化させゼンのそっくりさんに変身する!?

伏等
ゼンと同期で将来を期待されている文官。シュカを甘やかしてしまうため、その都度ゼンと衝突している。

私たちに残された時間は…婚約の儀までの10日間。その間に浪立さんの狙いを崩す手がかりをつかまなくてはいけません！凛さんと伏等さんは引き続き城内外の調査を。そしてゼンさんは 隣国 蒼烏国へついに旅立つことになりました（シンシンを身代わりにして）。
ゼンさんは 必ず迎えに来てくれると誓ってくださいました…！私はみんなを信じます！

山積みの難問にアップアップ！

領地問題を解決して 王宮に戻った私に待っていたのは 李浪立さんとの婚約＆退位話!?更にはゼンさんの失脚＆投獄問題や伏等さんが襲われたりと 難問が山積みで 。
浪立さんの思惑を崩すため 王位を辞め結婚を承諾するふりをすることにしました。
てでてでも その証として口付けなんて!?
未遂で終わりましたが…。

ある日とつぜん王になっちゃった!!

王宮に流行った病で紅夏国の王だった父 紅朱明と母 世継ぎのお兄様たちがみんな亡んでしまったため たったひとり生き残った王家の姫である私が 新王 に担ぎ出されてしまった訳です 。
ということで 父のお付き武官をされていたゼンさんの助けを借りながら 私 シュカの"新米王 生活が始まりました！

いざ旅立ちのとき!!

累計10万部突破！
①②巻絶賛発売中!!
遣鳥国へ旅立ったセンさん——
今頃は何をして…って
Zen has embarked on a journey to the Tsuru Kingdom. But what is he doing right now…?
And who exactly is…
…this girl?!
その娘は一体誰ですかっ!?
そそそ…
THE COMING OF AGE FANTASY-ROMANCE BETWEEN THE NOVICE QUEEN AND HER EVER-WORRIED RETAINER!
新米陛下と苦労性武官の学園"育成"ラブファンタジー!
うちの陛下が新米で。
Her HIGHNESS is a NOVICE
Fujiko Kosumi Presents!
湖住ふじこ

Long ago, the mad king reigned in the Kingdom of Kouka.
His power turned to tyranny..
And he laid waste to the land..
Leaving the citizens to die in fear, poverty, and starvation.
Lowen—

Live!
Lowen...
Please...
This world...
I don't want to die.
I can finally die.

SFX: GLARE
AAH
...Is hell.
SFX: BA-THUMP

A dream...?
SFX: PANT/
That world will never return.
Chuckle/
That's right.
I accept your marriage proposal...
Lowen-san.

SFX CLENCH!
From now on...
I will protect the Kouka Kingdom with my own hands.
IT APPEARS THAT SHIN-SHIN'S TRANS-FORMATION...
BUT I'M SURPRISED.
"FOR THE TIME BEING..."
...IS WORKING WELL FOR THE TIME BEING.
Yawn!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU USED THE TIGER AS ZEN-SAMA'S REPLACEMENT.
BUT REST ASSURED,
IF HE SO MUCH AS TARNISHES ZEN-SAMA'S HONOR, I'LL REMOVE ALL THE HAIR FROM HIS BODY.
HISHOU-SAN— YOU CAN'T DO THAT...
He's still a divine beast.

AND ZEN-SAMA'S ENTRUSTED ME WITH ALL OTHER INQUIRIES.
LIN AND FUHITO ARE SEARCHING THE CASTLE INSIDE AND OUT.
JOKING ASIDE.
IT WAS A JOKE? REALLY?!
THAT BEING SAID, I WILL DEFINITELY PROTECT YOUR HIGHNESS IN ZEN-SAMA'S PLACE.
ALTHOUGH YOUR HIGHNESS HAS APPEASED LOWEN-SAMA FOR NOW.
WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.
...THANK YOU.
Zen-san.

I wonder if he's going to be all right by himself in a foreign country...
SOUU KING-DOM.
NOW, WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
SFX CHATTER, CHATTER!
SFX CHATTER, CHATTER!
THANKS TO LIN, WE WERE ABLE TO QUICKLY FIND THE MERCHANT'S HOUSE THAT SOLD THE POISON.
BUT...
Forgive me!
It's true I sent the chemicals to Kouka!
But I was just following the orders that came from the royal palace!
I didn't do anything...!

HMM?
BUT HOW AM I GOING TO GET CLOSE TO THE PALACE..?
I'll have to keep ssarching...
There's a very high chance it wasn't just Lowen-sama's doing, but that the Souu Kingdom rulers were involved as well.
SFX: PAUSE
WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE?
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY,
STOP HIDING AND COME OUT!
SFX: RUSTLE
SFX: RUSTLE

SFX: SWIPE!
SFX: THWACK!
SFX: WOOSH!
SFX: CLANK!
SFX: LEER!

SFX: SLASH!
Hidden blades.
This fighting style...
These guys are...
"Blue Raven!"
SFX: SWOOSH!
Leer!
WHOA!
NII-SAN!
ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ENEMIES OUT OF ASSASSINS?
BUT AREN'T YOU ONE OF LI LOWEN'S MEN?
WHAT'CHA LOOKING FOR?

WELL, WHATEVER.
IT'S IN OUR CONTRACT TO MAKE SURE...
THAT NOT A SINGLE ONE OF YOU, KOUKA RATS, RETURN ALIVE!!

PRIN-
CESS—
LET'S RETURN TO THE CASTLE!
THIS AREA IS INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS AND THERE'S NO ONE AROUND.
YOU'RE SO ANNO-YING, FEILONG!
I JUST FEEL LIKE TAKING A WALK RIGHT NOW, OKAY?!
Prin-cess!
Y—yes, your highness.
It's fine, so let's go already!
DRIP
DRIP
PANT!
PANT!

SFX: THUD!
Too much... wasn't it...?
As expected, facing that many of the assassin's guild at once...
Was a little...
SFX: BUMP!
SFX: DRIP, DRIP
DID I GET ALL OF THEM?
BUT...
SFX: DODGE!
SFX: THROB

SFX: CLOP!
SFX: CLIP!
HUH?
SOMEONE FELL OVER THERE...
HMM?
SFX: GLEAM!
What's with this super handsome guy...?!

UGHH...
.....?
SFX: BLINK!
SFX: WHIP!
!?
WHERE AM I...?
My wounds were treated...?
YOU'RE AWAKE?

SFX: TADA!
YOU ARE...?
Humph!
I'M THE ONE WHO FIXED YOU UP AFTER YOU COLLAPSED, OF COURSE!
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU?
!?
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
Eh?
Oh. Thanks, I guess.
SOU MEI LAN.
I...
...AM THE FIFTH CHILD OF THE SOULI KINGDOM ROYAL FAMILY AND ELDEST PRINCESS...

Boo!
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING, FEILONG.
PRINCESS! YOU CAN'T JUST GO AROUND HANDING OUT YOUR NAME TO STRANGERS OF THE CROWN!
She's a...
Princess...?!
SFX: GASP!
This sword has the Kouka Kingdom's emblem on it!
Look!
Ou..t...
SINCE HE CAME FROM KOUKA
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT LINEAGE, I'M SURE HE KNOWS.
THEN THIS IS THE SOUU PALACE?!
This is bad. As someone from the Kouka Kingdom, I'm not supposed to be here. If they found—
FLED THE KOUKA KINGDOM, RIGHT?
YOU...
IT'S FINE! YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY. I UNDERSTAND EVERY-THING.
HUH? YOU'RE LOOKING BLUE.
SHIT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?

...WHA—?
IF YOU ASK AROUND ABOUT THE NEW QUEEN, ALL YOU HEAR IS HOW BAD SHE IS, RIGHT?!
No.. And who is this "awful" Queen?
What's with this kid!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID.
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF TURNING YOU OVER TO THE PALACE GUARDS NOR SENDING YOU BACK TO KOUKA
AFTER ALL...
IN REALITY
BEAUTIFICATION 100% UP!
Fellow! A cool person fell on the ground! Pick him up!
SEX
CACKLE
THIS COINCIDENTAL MEETING OF THE HEARTBROKEN DESERTER AND THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS—
ISN'T THIS PRACTICALLY FATE?!
YOU'RE A LOW RANK SOLDIER WHO FELL INTO DESPAIR BECAUSE OF THAT TERRIBLY AWFUL STYLE OF RULING AND DECIDED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY!
This country is already done for.
AFTER THAT YOU WERE CHASED FOR DESERTING.
!?
It's okay! You don't have to hide!!
ACTUALLY—
N-no

AS THANKS FOR ME SAVING YOUR LIFE...
Touch
AND, SO...
...I'VE DECIDED.
YOU'LL...
BECOME MY RETAINER!
WHA...
WHAT?
HUH?

What the hell is this...?
Seriously...
AH, FOUND YOU, ZEN-SAN!
PLEASE DON'T RUN AWAY~!
ZEN-SAAAAN!
tap tap tap
After that...
I RES-PECTFULLY DECLINE.
IT'S OKAY I'M A KIND PERSON SO I'LL GIVE YOU SOME TIME TO DECIDE.
AH, BUT...
IF I ASK YOU THIS SO SUDDENLY YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE AN HONEST REPLY, HUH?
My throat suddenly!!
AAA HHEM!!
WH-WHA-AAA?!
I DON'T BELIEVE I HEARD YOUR REPLY PROPERLY!
SERIOUSLY! FEILONG IS SO NOISY!
SFX GRIN

WAI—
WAIT A SEC... OND...
.....
Fufufu~!!
THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY!
Bye, Bye!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT. FEILONG WILL KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOU!
HEY—!
I'M APOLOGIZING FOR THE PRINCESS...
.....
I'M TRULY SORRY...
And that brings us to here.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRY TO TALK TO HER, THE PRINCESS REFUSES TO LISTEN...
Moreover, this guy clings to my side 24/7.
NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THIS GOES BEYOND SIMPLY PUTTING UP A FACADE.
I thought I wanted to get closer to the royal palace, but...
I still need to look into their connection to Lowen-sama.

SFX: SNEAK!
This isn't the time to be caught up in a situation like this.
SFX: RUN!
I NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE FAST
AT LEAS— HUH?
ZEN-SAN?!
SFX: LEAP!
SFX: TAP!
SFX: YANK!
How sweet~
!

SFX: WHOOSH!
Dangle
BOING!
!?
WOO HOO~
Gotcha!
It worked!
SFX: GRAB!
SFX: FLICK!
YEP! COOL, RIGHT?
SFX: TAP!
...DID YOUR HIGHNESS... PERHAPS... SET THIS UP?
Flop~

NOTHING
sigh
WHAT'S WRONG?
EVEN AS A JOKE, IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR A SOLDIER TO GET CAUGHT IN SUCH A SIMPLE TRAP.
I CAN'T HEAR YOU~
HUH? WHAT?
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SUCH A CRUEL TOMBOY PRINCESS EXISTS IN THIS WORLD.
It's no good. I can't use Shuka-sama as a basis for dealing with this kid.
OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WHEN I FOUND YOU, I THOUGHT YOU LOOKED COOL AND WITHOUT THINKING, PICKED YOU UP AND BROUGHT YOU HERE...
N-N-N-N-N-N- NO REASON. JUST LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT OR SOMETHING...
fidget!
fidget!
fidget!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
Y-YEAH! THIS IS FATE SO LIKE I SAID
SHO~
~CK!
WHY IS A PERSON AS POWERFUL AS A PRINCESS GOING THIS FAR FOR A MERE SOLDIER LIKE ME?
YOU CAN'T RUN!
I HAVE A QUESTION.

SFX SURPRISE!
UNCLE...
U-
SFX WHIP!
IT'S "KING."
HOW DO YOU FARE, DEAR UNCLE?
In hiding
SFX RUSTLE!
FOR YOU TO BE THIS FAR OUTSIDE THE CASTLE... ARE YOU UP TO YOUR TOMBOY ANTICS AGAIN?

「うちの陛下が新米で。」へのファンレターをお送りください。
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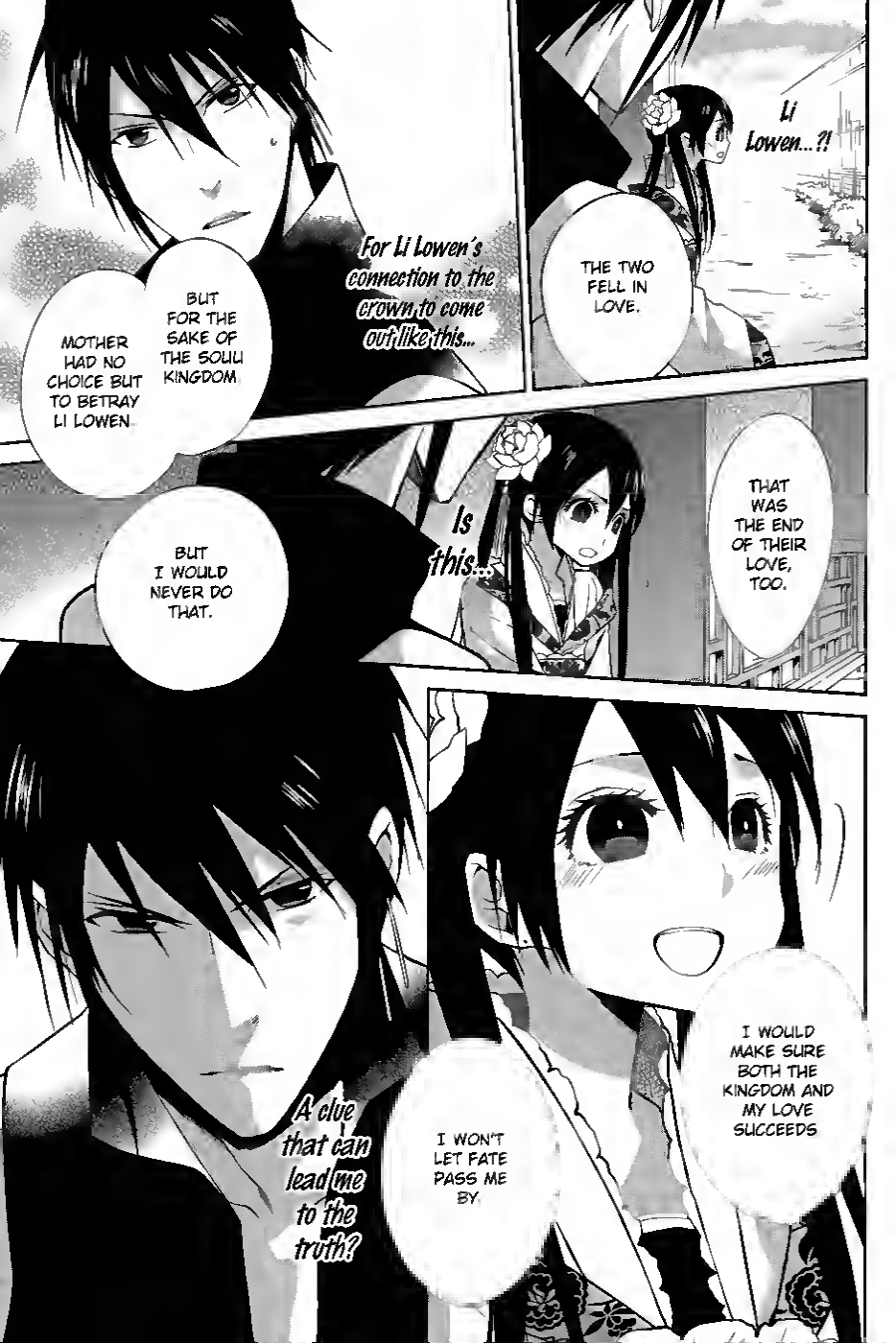
THAT MAN WAS MY FATHER'S BROTHER. AFTER MY FATHER PASSED, HE INHERITED THE THRONE
BUT I DON'T THINK HE'S FIT TO RULE
He's the complete opposite of my father.
His skills are feeble.
And he's the kind of person that's afraid of every little thing.
THE THOUGHT OF MARRYING SOMEONE LIKE THAT DISGUSTS ME.
I WANT TO FIND TRUE LOVE LIKE MY MOTHER
THE KIND OF LOVE MY MOTHER WROTE ABOUT IN HER SECRET DIARY.

I found it in mother's room...
Hidden away as if in disguise...
It was the diary from when she was a girl.
And written there...
Was her epic tale of love.
It was from before she met my father—
A story of my mother, the princess...
And the sole young messenger from Kouka who came to Souu in order to create an alliance between the two kingdoms.

A LOVE BETWEEN HER AND LI LOWEN.
What...?!


Li Lowen...?!
THE TWO FELL IN LOVE.
THAT WAS THE END OF THEIR LOVE, TOO.
For Li Lowen's connection to the crown to come out like this...
Is this...
BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE SOULI KINGDOM
MOTHER HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO BETRAY LI LOWEN
BUT I WOULD NEVER DO THAT.
I WOULD MAKE SURE BOTH THE KINGDOM AND MY LOVE SUCCEEDS
I WON'T LET FATE PASS ME BY
A clue that can lead me to the truth?

I'll need to do more digging...
SFX: BA-BAM
YOU AND THE PRINCESS KINDLY SAVED ME.
THAT'S WHY TONIGHT...
SFX: BAM
WHAT DO YOU NEED THIS LATE AT NIGHT?
WH-WHAT IS IT, ZEN-SAN?
I'VE PREPARED...
A SPECIAL FEAST TO SHOW MY SINCEREST THANKS.
I even used my own money!!
oooooooohhhhhh!

You even brought sake.
NO, YOU'RE THE KIND AND HONEST ONE, FEILONG.
YOU'RE HONEST AND KIND.
AHH AAHH AAAA!
You're such a kind person, aren't you Zen-san?
Here you go
Slurp! Slurp! Slurp!
!!
YOU UNDER-STAND?!
I'M SURE ATTENDING TO THE PRINCESS PROVIDES ENDLESS DIFFICULTIES AND HARD-SHIPS.
I RESPECT YOU.
Please forgive me, Shuka-sama.
OF COURSE! I SERVED UNDER A VERY SIMILAR PERSON.
I'll win him over and force him to spit out information!
Ahhhh! Naaaa
Drink up
SOB!
Nyan nyan~
It's such a paaaiiin!
Meowo~laaaaddddd!!!
But I've been mistaken as a deserter, so please let me use that to my advantage.

SFX GAG!
!?
HERE! YOU SHOULD DRINK TOO, ZEN-SAN!!!
FINALLY SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS!!!
SFX UURGKK
SFX DIZZY
SFX GLUG! GLUG!
UGHH...
M- must... endure..
For the sake of getting information!
SUPER LIGHTWEIGHT
DRINK, DRINK~!
SFX COUGH!
Sigh
BUT SSERRIOUSLY YOU'RE SHWO NIIICCCCE... PRINCESS MEI-LAN MAKES MY LIFE SCHLIPPPER HARDDDD...
THE GUY'S PLIGHT...
WAVER
Wobble
Wobble
THAT'S RIGHT. SHE TOLD ME THAT TOO. THE FATED LOVE BETWEEN HER MOTHER AND THE MESSENGER FROM KOUKA. SHE SAID SHE WANTS TO EMULATE THAT LOVE...
YEAH.. SHE WAS TELLING ME ABOUT HER MOTHER'S PAST LOVE AND HOW SHE LOOKS UP TO HER AND ALL THAT...
SHE'S ALSO MAKING YOUR LIFE DIFFICULT TOO— RIGHT, ZEN-SAN?

BUT YOU KNOW, THE TRUTH IS...
THE ONLY THING THE PRINCESS SHARES IN COMMON WITH HER MOTHER IS THEIR BEAUTY.
TO THE PRINCESS' MOTHER...
TO THE QUEEN— THAT LOVE WAS JUST A BITTER MEMORY TANGLED UP IN STATE POLITICS.
At least that's the rumor
RIGHT NOW, THE SOLU KINGDOM IS SPLIT BETWEEN THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE QUEEN MOTHER AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE CURRENT KING.
THAT'S THE REASON THE COUNTRY IS ON THE BRINK OF WAR TOO... OR SO PEOPLE SAY..
slug! slug! slug!
Ah, thanks
IS THAT SO...?
You're well informed
IT'S NOT 100% VERIFIED, BUT...
THE SOLU KINGDOM AND KOUKA KINGDOM HAVE BEEN CONNECTED SINCE LONG AGO BY AN OLD TREATY JUST AS BEFORE, IT SEEMS LIKE BEHIND THIS ALLIANCE...
...IS SOME SORT OF DEAL BETWEEN LI LOWEN, WHO HOLDS A GRUDGE AGAINST THE QUEEN BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST...
...AND THE CURRENT KING, WHO SEES THE QUEEN AS AN EYESORE.

SFX: GRAB!
IF I TELL SHUKA-SAMA ABOUT THIS—
If...
He's connected to Souu's King?
AND THAT'S WHY, ZEN-SAN!!!!
IF YOU'RE DEFECTING, YOU SHOULD PICK ANOTHER COUNTRY!
!?
SFX: SQUEEZE!
Yank!
P-please, let go of me—
Huh?
UH... I-I SEE...
SOB!
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...

However, this advisor...
There's no question he's a good person...
But as someone in a similar position, I see a few areas of concern...
Like running his mouth when drunk
Although the princess is odd too... Is this country really all right...?
I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ADVICE.
BUT I'M CURIOUS. WHY IS IT THAT DESPITE BEING BOGGED DOWN IN HARDSHIPS AND CONCERNS...
...YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY DESIRE TO LEAVE EITHER THE PRINCESS OR THE COUNTRY?
ZEN UNINTENTIONALLY TURNED ON WORRY MODE THANKS TO BEING AN EVER-CONCERNED MILITARY OFFICER.
SFX: SLAM!
?!
TH—
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT!!
SFX: JUMP!

I KNOW I'VE SAID A LOT OF THINGS, BUT THE PRINCESS IS BY NO MEANS A BAD PERSON!
SHE HAS TONS OF GOOD SIDES TO HER!
EVEN IF SHE CAN BE SELFISH AT TIMES.
SHE'S STRONG-WILLED AND HOLDS TRUE TO HER VALUES.
RIGHT NOW, SHE'S STILL YOUNG AND SIMPLE MINDED.
AND FOR THAT REASON, I BELIEVE SHE HOLDS THE POTENTIAL TO RISE ABOVE THE REST.
BUT ONE DAY IT WILL BE HER ALONE, WHO WILL CARRY THE WEIGHT OF THE COUNTRY ON HER SHOULDERS.
AND UNTIL SHE CAN OVER-COME THESE PROBLEMS ON HER OWN...
I WILL STAND BY HER SIDE TO GUIDE HER AS BEST I CAN...

I see.
He's the same as me.
I UNDER-STAND.
Pat!
Zen-san!
I WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT AND PROTECT HER
THAT'S THE VOW I MADE.

THE HARDSHIPS ARE ENDLESS WHEN YOU'RE SERVING A MASTER WHO'S STILL GROWING UP.
Don't worry.
At the very least, this country still holds the most important key of all.
EVEN YOU CAN SMILE, HUH?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
ARE YOU, BY CHANCE... ALSO DEEPLY ATTACHED TO YOUR MASTER?
SCRAPE
WE SHARE A LOT IN COMMON AFTER ALL,
LET'S TOAST.

SFX: CLINK!
TO LOYALTY!
whistle
CLACK!

SFX: FLAP!
SFX: FLAP!
Fly to Shuka-sama.
GO!
SFX: SCRATCH!
SCREECH!
SFX: FLAP!
You must follow these orders carefully.
Okay
OKAY. NEXT UP IS...

SFX: EXCITED!
THUMP
THUMP
YES.
I'VE THOUGHT LONG AND HARD ABOUT IT...
SFX: FREEZE!
AND IN THE END...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FULFILL YOUR DESIRE AND BECOME LOYAL TO YOU, PRINCESS MEI LAN
To fulfill the wishes of the devoted...
...as someone who shares the same conviction and, moreover, the same pride.
HAVE YOU MADE YOUR DECISION?

I'VE LIED TO YOU ABOUT WHO I AM.
WHY NOT?!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
I'VE ALREADY...
ZEN-SAN!
A person whom I can pledge my loyalty to. I'll give her my heart, my soul, my power...
... SWORN LOYALTY TO ANOTHER.
...Everything?

MY MASTER IS THE ONE AND ONLY QUEEN OF THE KOUKA KINGDOM...
KOU SHUKA-SAMA.
Y—

I DON'T GET IT!
P-PRIN-CESS!
SFX SCREECH!
YOU'RE TELLING ME...
ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME I'M SOME-HOW INFERIOR TO THAT USELESS QUEEN?!
THIS ISN'T ABOUT WHOSE INFERIOR OR SUPERIOR.
I'M SURE YOU UNDER-STAND THAT YOU CANNOT COERCE SOMEONE TO BE LOYAL TO YOU.
YOUR MASTER IS THAT STUPIDLY FAMOUS GOOD FOR NOTHING QUEEN OF KOUKA ???!!!!!

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!
I WON'T BELIEVE IT UNLESS I SEE IT FOR MYSELF!
STOP-
THAT'S RIGHT! FEI-LONG!
GO TO MY MOTHER!
TELL HER TO INVITE THE QUEEN OF KOUKA TO MY COMING OF AGE CEREMONY!
THAT'S ABSURD!!!
INVITING A RULER FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY...!
ISN'T THAT FAR TOO RASH?!
THE COMING OF AGE CEREMONY IS A PUBLIC AFFAIR IN THE SOUU KINGDOM!
WHY WOULD THERE BE A PROBLEM SENDING AN INVITATION TO AN ALLIED KINGDOM?

SFX: SCREEEECH!
HURRY! SEND A DISPATCH!
SFX: FLAP!
SFX: CLANK! CLANK!
!
This is from Zen-san...!

HISHYU-SAN. SHARE THIS WITH LIN-SAN AND FUHITO-SAN.
TELL ME, ROUSHI*!
PLEASE!
SFX: SLAM!
*TN: Roushi is an honorific for a senior teacher in Zen Buddhism.
TELL US ABOUT LOWEN-SAMA'S PAST!
YOU SHOULD KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT KOUKA'S HISTORY— YOU'VE SEEN IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES!

WE RECEIVED SOME INFORMATION IN THIS LETTER.
BUT PLEASE TELL US ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT LOWEN-SAMA'S PAST AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOULI KINGDOM.
IF YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT KOUKA THEN TELL US!
!……!
WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, LOWEN-SAMA HAD BUT ONE STAIN UPON HIS CHARACTER.
……
I'M SURE YOU KNOW THAT SOME DECADES AGO...
...KOUKA AND SOULI ALSO TRIED TO MAKE AN ALLIANCE.
HOWEVER, AROUND THAT TIME, LOWEN-DONO LEAKED A SECRET REGARDING THE KING OF THE KOUKA KINGDOM...
TO THE PRINCESS OF THE SOULI KINGDOM.
FEARING THAT SECRET, THE SOULI KINGDOM INVADED KOUKA.
THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOMETHING THE LATE SHUMEI-SAMA DID TO RESOLVE THAT SITUATION.

EXCUSE ME,
SFX: CREEK!
YOUR HIGH-NESS
YOU CALLED FOR ME?
SFX: GASP
LOWEN-SAN...
THERE'S SOME-THING...
I WANT TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT.

I RECEIVED A REPORT...
REGARDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOUU KINGDOM.
WHAT'S GOING THROUGH YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW?
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING CONCERNING THE SOUU KINGDOM?
AND ARE YOU TRULY ACTING ON BEHALF OF KOUKA?
WON'T YOU PLEASE TELL ME?
...THE ONE WHO HAS BECOME YOUR QUEEN...?

SAY... "YOUR QUEEN" WHILE SITTING UPON THAT THRONE?
CAN YOU REALLY...
NO.
I'M JUST PREPARING...
...FOR WHEN YOU TRULY TAKE THE THRONE.
THIS...
...IS STILL MY RIGHT.
I'm still queen.

NOW, PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER. TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE THINKING
IT WOULD BE EVER SO SIMPLE TO FORCE ME TO SPEAK, WOULDN'T IT?
...IF YOU USED YOUR KING'S POWER...
LOWEN-SAN.
MY POWER...
...IS NOT MEANT TO BE USED LIKE THAT.
THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE.

IF I MERELY USED MY POWER WITHOUT BELIEVING IN MY SUBJECTS?
DO YOU THINK I WOULD YEARN WITH ALL MY HEART TO BECOME QUEEN...
THAT'S NOT WHAT IT MEANS TO RULE A COUNTRY.

SFX: SLAM!
PLEASE, EXCUSE ME!
BUT I HAVE AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM HER HIGHNESS,
THE QUEEN OF SOUU!
To the Queen of the Kingdom of Kouka, Kou Shuka-sama,
Excuse me
IT'S A...
FORMAL INVITA-TION...?

We haven't formally met...
...since you took the throne, have we?
If it pleases your highness, I would absolutely love to meet you in person.
In fact, my coming of age ceremony will be taking place in a few days.
I thought it would be wonderful if you could come celebrate with me.

Your Zen-san will be waiting for you too.
Signed, Sou Mei-Lan, First Princess of the Kingdom of Souu.
ZEN?!
WHY IS ZEN THERE?!
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO DO...?
LET'S GO.

EH...?!
I CAN'T?
Y-YOUR HIGHNESS!!!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU THERE!!!
BUT ISN'T IT PERFECT TIMING?
WE ALSO NEED TO ANNOUNCE OUR ENGAGEMENT, AFTER ALL.
THERE'S NO REASON TO TURN DOWN THE INVITATION...
...IS THERE?
... This woman...!

Zen-San will definitely be angry at me.
But...
I WILL DEFINITELY COME BACK FOR YOU
Please, keep your promise, okay?
I'll be waiting for you.
Your Zen-San will be waiting for you too.
WE...
...SHOULD GO TOGETHER, LOWEN-SAN.
For the queen to personally go out of her way to do this...

I can't remain stagnant any longer.
But it's okay if I come to you instead, isn't it?
I said I'd be waiting for you...
I will find the truth...
...with my own two hands.
I'm coming for you, Zen-san!
WHAT TRUTH WILL AWAIT SHUKA ON THE OTHER SIDE?!
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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF.
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

IT'S SUCH A PITY TOO WE HAVE SO MANY LOVELY PROJECTS THAT ARE JUST DYING FOR STAFF
Hug me
hold me
Love me♥
!
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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL, MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES
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